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INTRODUCTION

This Bulletin contains an analysis, in summary form, of the dwellings in Western Australia as enumerated at the Census of 30th June, 1961. It is one of a series of Census Bulletins for the States and Territories and for Australia as a whole being issued as information becomes available from the first phase of machine tabulation. The information herein may be subject to minor amendment on completion of later tabulations.

Census Bulletin No. 10.- Summary of Population for Western Australia, was issued on 26th April, 1962. Census Bulletin No. 2 - Population and Dwellings in Local Government Areas, issued on 14th March, 1962, shows for each State the numbers of the population and occupied and unoccupied dwellings in each Local Government Area and in the major towns, according to the Statistical Divisions in which they are situated. A list of 1961 Census Publications already issued appears at the end of this Bulletin.

In this Bulletin dwellings are classified according to class (i.e. private house, flat, etc.), material of outer walls, number of rooms, number of inmates, nature of occupancy, date of building, weekly rent and facilities. Each major table shows the numbers of dwellings, according to one particular characteristic (e.g. number of rooms or inmates of dwellings). At a later stage a more detailed analysis will be published showing particulars of dwellings in a series of cross-tabulations (e.g. the numbers of dwellings according to both numbers of rooms and inmates, etc.).

All information in this Bulletin is exclusive of full-blood aboriginals and of dwellings occupied solely by them.

DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE.

Occupied Dwelling: An occupied dwelling is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only part of a building. The term has therefore a very wide reference and includes, in addition to houses and flats, a great variety of "dwellings" ranging from a single-roomed shack to a multi-roomed hotel or institution.

Private Dwelling: Private dwellings are further classified into the following four categories -

Private House: Private Houses include houses, sheds, huts, garages, etc. used for dwelling purposes, and shared private houses for which only one Householder's Schedule was received.

Share of Private House: A Share of a Private House is a portion of a shared private house which is occupied separately and for which portion a separate Householder's Schedule was furnished.

Flat: A flat is part of a house or other building which can be completely closed off and which has its own cooking and bathing facilities.

Other Private Dwelling: These include private dwellings such as rooms, apartments, etc., which are parts of buildings but are not self-contained units.

Other than Private Dwelling: These include Hotels; Motels; Boarding Houses, Lodging Houses and Hostels; Educational, Religious and Charitable Institutions; Hospitals; Defence and Penal Establishments; Police and Fire Stations; Clubs; Staff Barracks and Quarters, etc.

Unoccupied Dwelling: These include vacant dwellings available for sale or renting; dwellings such as "week-ender", "holiday home", "second home", "seasonal workers' quarters", which were not occupied on the night of the Census; dwellings normally occupied but whose usual occupants were temporarily absent on the night of the Census; newly completed dwellings whose owners or tenants had not entered into occupation on the night of the Census; dwellings described as "to be demolished", "condemned", "deceased estate", "exhibition home", etc.; and buildings constructed as dwellings but used for non-dwelling purposes on the night of the Census. The total number of unoccupied dwellings shown for any area must not, therefore, be read as representing the number of vacant houses and flats available for sale or renting.

The detailed information in this Bulletin relates to private dwellings occupied at the date of the Census. However, information relating to the number of occupied dwellings other than private is given in Table 2. and a summary by urban and rural divisions of the State of unoccupied dwellings classified according to the reasons why the dwellings were unoccupied is shown in Table 10.

In the tables which follow, "Metropolitan Urban" relates to the City of Perth and adjoining municipalities and shires within boundaries determined for Census purposes. "Other Urban" relates to all other cities and towns (whether separately incorporated or not) with a population of 1,000 persons or more, and "Rural" to the remainder of the State.

The composition of the Other Urban and Rural Divisions as used for 1961 Census purposes differ from those used for 1954 Census purposes. Adjustments have been made to the 1954 figures in Table 1. in this Bulletin in order to provide approximate comparison on the 1961 Census basis, but in Table 2. to 6. and 8. no adjustments have been made to 1954 figures. The effect of the changes referred to may be measured by comparing the data in Table 1A with the 1954 data in Table 1., and this effect must be borne in mind when making intercensal comparisons in the other tables.

DWELLINGS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

1. Summary of Population and Dwellings. - The following table shows the urban and rural distribution of the population and dwellings in Western Australia at the Censuses of 1954 and 1961. The figures shown for the 1954 Census have been adjusted to conform to the boundaries used in 1961.

TABLE 1. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND DWELLINGS, URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUSES, 1954 AND 1961.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals and of Dwellings occupied solely by them)

Particulars	Census, 30th June, 1954				Census, 30th June, 1961			
	Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	Total Western Australia	Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	Total Western Australia
Area in square miles	(a) 192	185	975,543	975,920	192	185	975,543	975,920
Population -								
Males	171,832	55,529	101,092	(b)330,358	205,107	63,893	103,923	(b)375,452
Females	176,815	53,034	79,202	(b)309,413	215,026	61,841	38,822	(b)361,177
Persons	348,647	108,563	180,294	(b)639,771	420,133	125,734	142,745	(b)736,629
Average Number of Persons per square mile	1816.82	588.10	.18	(c) .65	2189.33	681.12	.15	(c) .71
Dwellings (d)-								
Occupied	90,741	27,846	44,236	162,823	114,848	32,748	46,721	194,317
Unoccupied	1,839	2,052	2,723	6,614	3,687	3,112	6,827	13,626
Total	92,580	29,898	46,959	169,437	118,535	35,860	53,548	207,943
Number of Dwellings(e) per sq.mile	482.44	161.96	.05	.17	617.69	194.26	.05	.21

(a) The difference in area between the Metropolitan Urban Division in this table and that shown in Table 1A. is due to minor boundary changes made between 1954 and 1961. The area so added at 1961 did not include any population. (b) Includes migratory population (persons on ships, long distance trains, motor coaches or aircraft) not included in Urban or Rural Divisions. (c) Excludes migratory. (d) Private and non-private. (e) Occupied and unoccupied dwellings.

Similar adjustment of 1954 data cannot be provided in the tables which follow but comparison of the figures in Table 1A with the 1954 figures in Table 1 will show the effects of changes made between the Censuses. These effects should be borne in mind when making intercensal comparisons in other tables.

TABLE 1 A. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : SUMMARY OF POPULATION AND DWELLINGS, URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954 ON BASIS OF BOUNDARIES USED IN 1954.
(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals and of Dwellings occupied solely by them)

Particulars	Divisions of State			Total Western Australia
	Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	
Area in square miles	191	181	975,548	975,920
Population -				
Males	171,832	53,868	102,753	(a)330,358
Females	176,815	51,550	80,686	(a)309,413
Persons	348,647	105,418	183,439	(a)639,771
Average Number of Persons per square mile	1,824.42	581.46	.19	(b) .65
Dwellings (c) -				
Occupied	90,741	27,217	44,865	162,823
Unoccupied	1,839	2,133	2,642	6,614
Total	92,580	29,350	47,507	169,437
Average Number of Dwellings per square mile (d)	484.46	161.89	.05	.17

(a) Includes 2,267 Persons (1,905 Males and 362 Females), migratory population (persons on ships, long-distance trains, motor coaches or aircraft) not included in Urban or Rural Divisions. (b) Excludes migratory. (c) Private and non-private. (d) Occupied and unoccupied dwellings.

2. Occupied Dwellings according to Class of Dwelling. - The following table shows the number of occupied dwellings according to class of dwelling at the Censuses of 1954 and 1961. Private houses constituted 93.5 per cent. of all occupied private dwellings in 1961 compared with 90.8 per cent. in 1954. The proportion of flats to total occupied private dwellings increased from 3.3 per cent. in 1954 to 4.5 per cent. at 30th June, 1961.

TABLE 2. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : OCCUPIED DWELLINGS ACCORDING TO CLASS, URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUSES, 1954 AND 1961.
(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aboriginals)

Class of Dwelling (a)	Census, 30th June, 1954				Census, 30th June, 1961			
	Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	Total Western Australia	Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	Total Western Australia
Private Dwellings -								
Private House-								
House	76,676	23,898	39,809	140,383	103,713	30,165	41,617	175,495
Shed, Hut, etc.	880	673	2,927	4,480	152	225	3,264	3,641
TOTAL PRIVATE HOUSES	77,556	24,571	42,736	144,863	103,865	30,390	44,881	179,136
Share of Private House(b)	5,851	928	708	7,487	2,079	373	336	2,788
Flat	4,332	760	165	5,257	7,007	1,252	413	8,672
Other	1,484	329	76	1,889	799	164	57	1,020
TOTAL PRIVATE DWELLINGS	89,223	26,588	43,685	159,496	113,750	32,179	45,687	191,616
Dwellings Other than Private -								
Hotel, Licensed (including Hotel-Motel)	124	123	198	445	130	123	198	451
Motel					1	4	1	6
Boarding House, Hostel (other than Migrant), Private Hotel, etc.	1,134	306	154	1,594	685	273	125	1,083
Educational, Religious or Charitable Institution	81	39	96	216	96	48	85	229
Hospital	40	32	66	138	55	32	59	146
Other	(c)139	(c)129	(c)666	(c)934	131	89	566	786
TOTAL DWELLINGS OTHER THAN PRIVATE	1,518	629	1,180	3,327	1,098	569	1,034	2,701
GRAND TOTAL	90,741	27,217	44,865	162,823	114,848	32,748	46,721	194,317

(a) For definitions see page 3. (b) In respect of which a separate Householder's Schedule was furnished. (c) Includes "caretakers' quarters" which in 1961 were classified as private dwellings.

3. Occupied Private Dwellings according to Material of Outer Walls. - The following table shows the number of occupied private dwellings classified according to material of outer walls as recorded at the Censuses of 1954 and 1961.

TABLE 3. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS BY CLASS OF DWELLING AND SHOWING URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUSES, 1954 AND 1961.

(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aboriginals)

Material of Outer Walls	Class of Dwelling				Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Divisions of State			Total Western Australia
	Private House (a)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other		Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	
Census, 30th June, 1954									
Brick	52,183	3,711	3,637	1,250	60,781	53,427	3,660	3,694	60,781
Stone	3,702	360	181	154	4,397	2,090	485	1,822	4,397
Concrete	4,313	143	87	3	4,546	1,842	334	2,370	4,546
Wood	37,998	1,909	564	216	40,687	15,162	9,250	16,275	40,687
Iron	8,409	175	105	99	8,788	819	3,131	4,838	8,788
Fibro-cement	34,778	1,128	663	158	36,727	15,619	9,464	11,644	36,727
Other	3,286	48	17	9	3,360	233	231	2,896	3,360
Not Stated	194	13	3	..	210	31	33	146	210
TOTAL	144,863	7,487	5,257	1,889	159,496	89,223	26,588	43,685	159,496
Census, 30th June, 1961									
Brick	75,006	1,466	6,579	656	83,707	72,980	4,906	5,821	83,707
Stone	3,319	108	238	53	3,718	1,697	377	1,644	3,718
Concrete	4,858	75	156	5	5,094	2,023	450	2,621	5,094
Wood	30,899	494	474	109	31,976	12,042	7,957	11,977	31,976
Iron	6,546	40	153	43	6,782	284	2,780	3,718	6,782
Fibro-cement	56,097	586	1,043	148	57,874	24,470	15,529	17,875	57,874
Other	2,141	16	19	3	2,179	203	145	1,831	2,179
Not Stated	270	3	10	3	286	51	35	200	286
TOTAL	179,136	2,788	8,672	1,020	191,616	113,750	32,179	45,687	191,616

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc. For definitions see page 3.

Brick was the most frequently used material for outer walls in Western Australia At 30th June, 1961 it was used in 43.8 per cent. of those occupied private dwellings where material of outer walls was stated compared with 38.2 per cent. in 1954. This was due to the predominance of brick houses in the Metropolitan Area, but in Other Urban and Rural divisions wood and fibro-cement dwellings exceeded those of brick.

Wood, second in importance as a material for outer walls in 1954, fell to third place behind fibro-cement in 1961. Of those private dwellings with stated material of outer walls 30.2 per cent. in 1961 had outer walls of fibro-cement and 16.7 per cent. outer walls of wood, compared with 23.1 per cent. and 25.5 per cent. respectively in 1954. The proportion of private dwellings with walls of iron dropped from 5.5 per cent. in 1954 to 3.5 per cent. in 1961.

The highest percentage increase between Censuses was recorded by occupied private dwellings with walls of fibro-cement, 57.6 per cent. and brick, 37.7 per cent. The number of occupied private dwellings with walls of iron, wood, and stone decreased by 22.8 per cent., 21.4 per cent., and 15.4 per cent. respectively.

4. Occupied Private Dwellings according to Number of Rooms. - The following table shows the number of occupied private dwellings classified according to number of rooms at the Censuses of 1954 and 1961.

TABLE 4. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF ROOMS BY CLASS OF DWELLING AND SHOWING URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUSES, 1954 AND 1961.

(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aboriginals)

Number of Rooms per Dwelling	Class of Dwelling				Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Divisions of State			Total Western Australia
	Private House (a)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other		Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	
Census, 30th June, 1954									
1	2,734	902	31	673	4,340	1,789	628	1,923	4,340
2	4,566	1,698	384	620	7,268	3,734	1,124	2,410	7,268
3	8,736	1,640	1,561	334	12,271	6,128	2,153	3,990	12,271
4	38,176	1,262	1,943	133	41,514	21,503	7,980	12,031	41,514
5	46,781	898	905	48	48,632	28,985	8,337	11,310	48,632
6	29,162	570	296	19	30,047	18,726	4,319	7,002	30,047
7	9,262	191	87	16	9,556	5,521	1,306	2,729	9,556
8	3,120	68	24	12	3,224	1,671	417	1,136	3,224
9	1,071	32	7	5	1,115	543	151	421	1,115
10	450	4	2	4	460	219	53	188	460
11 & over	425	2	2	2	431	158	48	225	431
Not Stated	380	220	15	23	638	246	72	320	638
TOTAL	144,863	7,487	5,257	1,889	159,496	89,223	26,588	43,685	159,496
Average Number of Rooms per Dwelling	4.91	3.36	3.90	2.21	4.77	4.86	4.67	4.66	4.77
Census, 30th June, 1961									
1	1,756	201	93	251	2,301	491	436	1,374	2,301
2	2,455	592	1,147	296	4,490	1,952	860	1,678	4,490
3	6,240	842	2,764	283	10,129	5,172	1,847	3,110	10,129
4	37,390	605	2,890	112	40,997	23,508	7,441	10,048	40,997
5	70,540	393	1,143	32	72,108	45,469	12,777	13,862	72,108
6	40,177	66	403	8	40,654	25,900	6,050	8,704	40,654
7	13,124	15	107	3	13,249	7,607	1,836	3,806	13,249
8	4,315	5	50	1	4,371	2,296	559	1,516	4,371
9	1,486	1	29	..	1,516	721	175	620	1,516
10	628	5	2	..	635	280	71	284	635
11 & over	476	2	3	3	484	187	45	252	484
Not Stated	549	61	41	31	682	167	82	433	682
TOTAL	179,136	2,788	8,672	1,020	191,616	113,750	32,179	45,687	191,616
Average Number of Rooms per Dwelling	5.15	3.27	3.69	2.45	5.04	5.10	4.92	5.00	5.04

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc. For definitions see page 3.

NOTE: Kitchen and permanently enclosed sleep-out are included in number of rooms but not bathroom, pantry, laundry or storehouse.

At 30th June, 1961, four, five and six roomed occupied private dwellings together accounted for 80.5 per cent. of those occupied private dwellings where number of rooms was stated. In 1954 the proportion was 75.7 per cent. In both 1961 and 1954 private dwellings with five rooms were the most numerous and represented 37.8 per cent. and 30.6 per cent. respectively of private dwellings with stated number of rooms.

The greatest proportional increases in the numbers of occupied private dwellings since the 1954 Census occurred in five and seven roomed private dwellings which increased by 48.3 per cent. and 38.6 per cent. respectively. There were noticeable increases since 1954 in the number of flats with two and three rooms, the increases being 198.7 per cent. and 77.1 per cent. respectively.

A trend towards private houses with more rooms is indicated in the average number of rooms per private house which in 1961 was 5.15 compared with 4.91 in 1954. The average number of rooms per dwelling was greatest in the Metropolitan Urban Division of the State.

5. Occupied Private Dwellings according to Number of Inmates. - The following table shows the number of occupied private dwellings classified according to number of inmates at the Censuses of 1954 and 1961.

TABLE 5. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF INMATES BY CLASS OF DWELLING AND SHOWING URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUSES, 1954 AND 1961.

(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aboriginals)

Number of Inmates per Dwelling	Class of Dwelling				Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Divisions of State			Total Western Australia
	Private House (a)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other		Metro-politan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	
Census, 30th June, 1954									
1	11,310	1,307	1,074	601	14,292	6,628	2,714	4,950	14,292
2	29,094	2,510	2,064	674	34,342	20,568	5,611	8,163	34,342
3	28,825	1,683	1,025	340	31,873	18,869	5,073	7,931	31,873
4	31,425	1,038	598	153	33,214	19,191	5,443	8,580	33,214
5	22,341	527	298	72	23,238	12,790	3,945	6,503	23,238
6	12,031	247	122	20	12,420	6,419	2,108	3,893	12,420
7	5,519	104	47	13	5,683	2,803	956	1,924	5,683
8	2,535	42	17	12	2,606	1,182	435	989	2,606
9	995	15	7	1	1,018	448	167	403	1,018
10	424	10	2	1	437	189	79	169	437
11 & over	364	4	3	2	373	136	57	180	373
TOTAL	144,863	7,487	5,257	1,889	159,496	89,223	26,588	43,685	159,496
Average Number of Inmates per Dwelling	3.74	2.80	2.56	2.27	3.64	3.59	3.63	3.76	3.64
Census, 30th June, 1961									
1	15,815	874	2,629	559	19,877	11,146	3,395	5,336	19,877
2	39,207	861	3,630	271	43,969	27,930	7,107	8,932	43,969
3	32,519	452	1,302	98	34,371	21,410	5,345	7,616	34,371
4	37,066	277	633	45	38,021	23,250	6,323	8,448	38,021
5	27,327	188	309	27	27,851	16,082	4,955	6,814	27,851
6	15,300	78	105	11	15,494	8,304	2,777	4,413	15,494
7	6,811	33	44	7	6,895	3,343	1,303	2,249	6,895
8	3,075	16	15	..	3,106	1,427	574	1,105	3,106
9	1,085	8	4	..	1,097	477	210	410	1,097
10	509	1	..	..	510	225	103	182	510
11 & over	422	..	1	2	425	156	87	182	425
TOTAL	179,136	2,788	8,672	1,020	191,616	113,750	32,179	45,687	191,616
Average Number of Inmates per Dwelling	3.69	2.48	2.19	1.82	3.59	3.50	3.67	3.78	3.59

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc. For definitions see page 3.

The greatest proportional increase since 1954 occurred in occupied private dwellings with one inmate, the growth of 39.1 per cent. being due to an increase of 39.8 per cent. in the number of private houses with one inmate and an increase of 144.8 per cent. in the number of flats with one inmate, slightly offset by decreases in the other classes of dwellings.

At 30th June, 1961, dwellings with less than 6 inmates represented 85.6 per cent of total occupied private dwellings compared with 85.9 per cent. in 1954.

Dwellings with 6 or more inmates increased by 22.1 per cent. between Censuses while those with less than 6 increased by 19.8 per cent.

Two-inmate dwellings were the most numerous in 1961 and 1954, accounting for 22.9 per cent. and 21.5 per cent. respectively of total occupied private dwellings.

The average number of inmates per private dwelling for Western Australia fell from 3.64 in 1954 to 3.59 at 30th June, 1961. This trend was general for all classes of dwelling and for the Metropolitan Urban Division of State. In the Other Urban and Rural Divisions the average went up.

6. Occupied Private Dwellings according to Nature of Occupancy. - The following table shows the nature of occupancy of private dwellings at the Censuses of 1954 and 1961.

TABLE 6. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NATURE OF OCCUPANCY BY CLASS OF DWELLING AND SHOWING URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUSES, 1954 AND 1961.

(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aboriginals)

Nature of Occupancy	Class of Dwelling				Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Divisions of State			Total Western Australia
	Private House (a)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other		Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	
Census, 30th June, 1954									
Owner	77,548	2,083	666	123	80,420	41,924	12,981	25,515	80,420
Purchaser by Instalments	22,573	421	60	22	23,076	18,282	3,143	1,651	23,076
Tenant (Governmental Housing)(b)	8,012	74	266	19	8,371	4,025	1,735	2,611	8,371
Tenant	32,020	4,718	4,184	1,681	42,603	23,842	8,007	10,754	42,603
Caretaker	1,890	65	47	27	2,029	658	356	1,015	2,029
Other Methods of Occupancy	1,951	62	19	8	2,040	293	241	1,506	2,040
Not Stated	869	64	15	9	957	199	125	633	957
TOTAL	144,863	7,487	5,257	1,889	159,496	89,223	26,588	43,685	159,496
Census, 30th June, 1961									
Owner	86,926	886	982	77	88,871	47,390	14,993	26,488	88,871
Purchaser by Instalments	44,255	206	118	19	44,598	35,299	5,556	3,743	44,598
Tenant (Governmental Housing) (c)	10,265	27	698	13	11,003	7,235	2,948	820	11,003
Tenant	32,812	1,585	6,617	878	41,892	22,529	7,972	11,391	41,892
Caretaker	1,994	22	163	14	2,193	804	346	1,043	2,193
Other Methods of Occupancy	1,999	19	72	6	2,096	266	239	1,591	2,096
Not Stated	885	43	22	13	963	227	125	611	963
TOTAL	179,136	2,788	8,672	1,020	191,616	113,750	32,179	45,687	191,616

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc. For definitions see page 3. (b) Compiled from the answers furnished in response to the instructions on the Householder's Schedule "Tenant paying rent to a Governmental Authority to write 'Tenant (G)'". (c) Compiled from the answers furnished in response to the instructions on the Householder's Schedule "Tenant paying rent to State Housing Commission, Western Australia, to write 'Tenant (G)'".

The most significant feature of this table is the increase in the number of occupied private dwellings being purchased by instalments. Of those occupied private dwellings where nature of occupancy was stated the proportion being purchased by instalments rose from 14.6 per cent. in 1954 to 23.4 per cent. in 1961. This increase occurred principally in the number of private houses being purchased by instalments, the proportion of which rose from 15.7 per cent. in 1954 to 24.8 per cent. in 1961.

The proportion of owner-occupied dwellings declined from 50.7 per cent. in 954 to 46.6 per cent. in 1961. The proportion of tenanted non-government dwellings lso declined from 26.9 per cent. to 22.0 per cent.

The proportional increases since 1954 were:- purchaser by instalments, 93.3 er cent. and owner 10.5 per cent. The number of tenanted non-government dwellings ecreased by 1.7 per cent. between Censuses.

The proportion of owned private dwellings was greatest in rural areas (58.8 er cent. in 1961 compared with 59.3 per cent. in 1954) whereas the proportion of rivate dwellings which were either owned or being purchased by instalments was greatest n the metropolitan division (72.8 per cent. in 1961 compared with 67.6 per cent. in 954).

. Occupied Private Dwellings according to Date of Building. - Table 7 shows date of uilding of occupied private dwellings as tabulated from the replies given at the 961 Census.

TABLE 7. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO DATE OF BUILDING BY CLASS OF DWELLING AND SHOWING URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aboriginals)

Date of Building	Class of Dwelling				Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Divisions of State			Total Western Australia
	Private House (a)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other		Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	
Before 1st July, 1954	130,096	2,427	6,126	909	139,558	81,117	24,710	33,731	139,558
After 30th June, 1954-									
1954 (July-Dec.)	2,978	17	61	6	3,062	2,005	487	570	3,062
1955	8,626	70	284	8	8,988	6,087	1,226	1,675	8,988
1956	6,352	47	569	6	6,974	4,684	887	1,403	6,974
1957	6,058	23	170	8	6,259	4,053	843	1,363	6,259
1958	6,158	40	277	10	6,485	4,064	904	1,517	6,485
1959	5,882	25	338	5	6,250	3,858	955	1,437	6,250
1960	6,403	28	333	3	6,767	4,126	1,008	1,633	6,767
1961 (Jan.-June)	2,630	3	179	16	2,828	1,655	387	786	2,828
Not Stated (b)	1,549	31	118	7	1,705	908	297	500	1,705
TOTAL, After 30th June, 1954	46,636	284	2,329	69	49,318	31,440	6,994	10,884	49,318
Other Not Stated	2,404	17	217	42	2,740	1,193	475	1,072	2,740
GRAND TOTAL	179,136	2,788	8,672	1,020	191,616	113,750	32,179	45,687	191,616

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc. For definitions see page 3. (b) After 30th June, 1954, but year not stated.

Of those occupied private dwellings in Western Australia where date of building was stated 26.1 per cent. were built after 30th June, 1954. In the Metropolitan Urban Division of the State 27.9 per cent. were built after 30th June, 1954, while in "Other Urban" and "Rural" the proportions were 22.1 per cent. and 24.4 per cent. respectively.

8. Weekly Rent (Unfurnished) of Tenanted Private Dwellings. - The following table shows the rents paid for unfurnished private dwellings (excluding dwellings occupied by "Tenants (Governmental Housing)" in 1954 and "Tenants (State Housing Commission)" in 1961) in Western Australia, as compiled from information supplied on individual Householders' Schedules at 30th June, 1954 and 1961. Of those tenanted private dwellings for which rent (unfurnished) was stated, 38.9 per cent. had rentals below 50s. in 1961 compared with 69.1 per cent. in 1954. In the range 50s. and under 100s. the proportion rose from 26.9 per cent. in 1954 to 43.7 per cent. in 1961. The proportion in the 100s. and over category rose from 4.0 per cent. in 1954 to 17.4 per cent. in 1961.

In 1961 the greatest number of tenanted private houses were in the rental range 40s. and under 50s. while the greatest number of tenanted flats were in the range 100s. and over.

TABLE 8. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : TENANTED PRIVATE DWELLINGS (a) CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO WEEKLY RENT (UNFURNISHED) BY CLASS OF DWELLING AND SHOWING URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUSES 1954 AND 1961.

(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aboriginals)

Weekly Rent (Unfurnished)	Class of Dwelling				Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Divisions of State			Total Western Australia
	Private House (b)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other		Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	
Census, 30th June, 1954									
Under 20s.	4,293	210	36	78	4,617	910	736	2,971	4,617
20s. and under 30s.	4,643	433	146	61	5,283	2,239	1,372	1,672	5,283
30s. " " 40s.	4,874	437	347	62	5,720	3,031	1,629	1,060	5,720
40s. " " 50s.	3,660	441	212	88	4,401	2,836	996	569	4,401
50s. " " 60s.	2,384	295	196	70	2,945	2,011	600	334	2,945
60s. " " 70s.	1,903	244	259	53	2,459	1,809	478	172	2,459
70s. " " 80s.	712	107	186	26	1,031	862	126	43	1,031
80s. " " 90s.	566	88	231	12	897	798	63	36	897
90s. " " 100s.	240	25	178	6	449	411	25	13	449
100s. and over	711	74	344	23	1,152	1,085	31	36	1,152
Not Stated (c)	8,034	2,364	2,049	1,202	13,649	7,850	1,951	3,848	13,649
TOTAL	32,020	4,718	4,184	1,681	42,603	23,842	8,007	10,754	42,603
Census, 30th June, 1961									
Under 20s.	2,477	27	116	36	2,656	321	392	1,943	2,656
20s. and under 30s.	2,524	61	138	21	2,744	511	640	1,593	2,744
30s. " " 40s.	2,194	66	161	32	2,453	596	771	1,086	2,453
40s. " " 50s.	3,269	140	191	45	3,645	1,378	1,126	1,141	3,645
50s. " " 60s.	2,401	101	205	22	2,729	1,280	823	626	2,729
60s. " " 70s.	3,005	131	266	38	3,440	2,053	884	503	3,440
70s. " " 80s.	2,484	63	261	29	2,837	1,906	710	221	2,837
80s. " " 90s.	1,960	48	292	16	2,316	1,795	374	147	2,316
90s. " " 100s.	1,209	33	374	4	1,620	1,383	151	86	1,620
100s. and over	3,196	59	1,864	19	5,138	4,585	407	146	5,138
Not Stated (c)	8,093	856	2,749	616	12,314	6,721	1,694	3,899	12,314
TOTAL	32,812	1,585	6,617	878	41,892	22,529	7,972	11,391	41,892

(a) Excludes particulars of dwellings occupied by "Tenants (Governmental Housing)" in 1954 and "Tenants (State Housing Commission)" in 1961. (b) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc. For definitions see page 3. (c) Includes tenanted dwellings which were rent-free, those rented on a furnished basis, and those for which the rents were not applicable (e.g. for shop and dwelling combined).

9. Occupied Private Dwellings according to Facilities. - The following table shows the facilities - gas, electricity, television set - recorded for each class of private dwelling in Urban and Rural Divisions of the State.

The question on facilities was answered for 190,457 occupied private dwellings in Western Australia. Of these 116,758 (61.3 per cent.) had electricity without gas and 63,767 (33.5 per cent.) had both electricity and gas, making a combined total of 180,525 (94.8 per cent.) with electricity. Occupied private dwellings with gas but not electricity numbered only 432 (0.2 per cent.).

In the Metropolitan Urban Division 99.8 per cent. of occupied private dwellings had electricity while in the Other Urban and Rural Divisions the proportions with electricity were 98.0 per cent. and 79.7 per cent. respectively.

The proportion of private dwellings with both electricity and gas was 49.9 per cent. in "Metropolitan Urban", 6.1 per cent. in "Other Urban" and 11.3 per cent. in "Rural".

The number of occupied private dwellings in Western Australia stated to have a television set was 71,788 of which 61,999 (86.4 per cent.) were in the Metropolitan Area In the Metropolitan area of Perth 54.5 per cent. of occupied private dwellings were stated to have a television set.

TABLE 9. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : OCCUPIED PRIVATE DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO FACILITIES BY CLASS OF DWELLING AND SHOWING URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aboriginals)

Facilities	Class of Dwelling				Total Occupied Private Dwellings	Divisions of State			Total Western Australia
	Private House (a)	Share of Private House	Flat	Other		Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	
Gas or Electricity-									
With Gas only	419	4	7	2	432	67	24	341	432
With Electricity only	112,086	1,322	2,948	402	116,758	56,707	29,461	30,590	116,758
With Gas and Electricity	56,101	1,395	5,667	604	63,767	56,723	1,966	5,078	63,767
Without Gas or Electricity	9,401	58	33	8	9,500	115	621	8,764	9,500
Not Stated	1,129	9	17	4	1,159	138	107	914	1,159
TOTAL	179,136	2,788	8,672	1,020	191,616	113,750	32,179	45,687	191,616
With Television Set (b)	68,424	709	2,514	141	71,788	61,999	4,032	5,757	71,788

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc. For definitions see page 3. (b) So stated in Census Schedules.

10. Unoccupied Dwellings According to Reason why Unoccupied. - The following table classifies unoccupied dwellings according to the reasons given by Census Collectors as to why the dwellings were unoccupied at Census date. An analysis by class of dwelling in conjunction with reasons why unoccupied will be published in the final detailed tables of the Census.

TABLE 10. - WESTERN AUSTRALIA : UNOCCUPIED DWELLINGS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO REASON WHY UNOCCUPIED, AND SHOWING URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1961.

Reason why Unoccupied	Metropolitan Urban	Other Urban	Rural	Total Western Australia
For Sale or for Renting	1,011	644	886	2,541
Holiday Home, Week-Ender, Seasonal Quarters	187	1,233	3,418	4,838
Occupants temporarily absent	1,638	748	1,172	3,558
To be demolished, condemned	114	54	130	298
Other and Not Stated	737	433	1,221	2,391
TOTAL	3,687	3,112	6,827	13,626

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